

Virginia Board of Education
Campus Tour and Public Comment
Minutes
Virginia School for the Deaf and Blind at Staunton
August 18, 2005

The Board of Education convened in Healy Auditorium on the campus of the Virginia School for the Deaf and Blind at Staunton on Thursday, August 18, 2005. The following members were present:

Mr. Thomas M. Jackson, Jr., President
Mrs. Isis M. Castro
Mr. David L. Johnson
Mr. Thomas G. Johnson, Jr.

Dr. Gary L. Jones
Mrs. Eleanor B. Saslaw
Mr. Andrew J. Rotherham
Dr. Ella P. Ward

Mr. Jackson called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. Mr. Johnson recognized Delegate Steven Lander, who made remarks in support of the program at VSDB-Staunton.

Presentation on VSDB-Staunton Program and Services:

Dr. Nancy Armstrong, superintendent of VSDB-Staunton, presented an overview of the programs and services of the school. The presentation included information on the following:

- Mission and history
- Purpose of the school
- Overview of facilities and capital outlays
- Demographic data on the student body
- Demographic data on the faculty and staff
- Budget information
- Education and support services provided
- Residential program
- Extra-curricular programs and athletic programs
- Academic programs and academic offerings
- Community partnerships
- Job-related services and programs
- Community support for the VSDB program

Campus Tour:

At the conclusion of Dr. Armstrong's presentation, the staff led the members on a tour of the campus. The tour included the following facilities:

- Strader Hall and demonstration of computer labs
- Pool and gymnasium

- Price Hall
- Infirmary
- Harrison Hall
- Swanson Hall
- Main Hall and demonstration of Sorenson video program

At the conclusion of the tour, the Board was given a trolley tour of Downtown Staunton.

Public Comment:

The Board of Education re-assembled in Healy Hall for a public comment session. The following persons spoke:

Casey Morehouse
Harry Wood
Eric Vittel
Linda Jones-Olson
Donna Hobbs
Judy Wyatt
Jennifer Mencer
Leo Yates
Frank Strassler
Don Wilson
Gordon Landes
Wally Huckle
Andrea Panella
Lily Mountjoy
Race Drake
Alice Frick
Rocco DeVito
Donna Wait
Rhonda Jennings
Linda Blehm
Ben Carter
Bobbie Dietz
Craig Fickling
Bill Hamilton
Mazie Crews
Darlene Coleman
Elmer R. Kiser
Deborah J. Oldman-Brown
Howard Holden
Delegate Chris Saxman

Elizabeth Stern
Linda Mahler
Theresa Lindsay

Following the public comment, Mr. Jackson thanked everyone for their cooperation and courtesy. He also thanked Dr. Armstrong and his staff for their work to make the campus visit a success.

Adjournment:

Mr. Jackson asked if there was any further business. There being non, the meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Submitted by

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